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1. The asphalt mine at Selenice (Vlone area) employs about 1500 miners and operates 24 hours a day. Lighting is supplied by a power plant at the mine. Boilers are used to separate the asphalt from extraneous matter. A narrow gauge railroad about 30 km. long is used to transport the asphalt to the Port of Vlone for shipment to the USSR. Before late 1953, three nine-car trains left the mine daily for Vlone. Each car has a 2.5 ton capacity. Since early 1954 only one nine-car train leaves the mine each day.
2. The mine is supervised by nine Russians who live with their families in Selenice.

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